Remarks

Claims 3-4 are pending in this application. If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Abstract

A method for reducing mortality in a mammal with congestive heart failure, comprising administering to said mammal an effective amount of N-[4-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-4-methyl-6-oxo-3-pyridazinyl)phenyl]acetamide, particularly its (R)-enantiomer.